

Notice of Intent

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State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Reclamation Permit for a **Mining Operation** for the **Gold Wedge Project** has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 0211 is:

Manhattan Mining Company dba Royal Standard Minerals, Inc.
1311 N. McCarran Blvd. Ste. 105
Sparks, NV 89431

This project, will be located within community of **Manhattan, Nye** County, Nevada and is in **Sections 18 and 19, Township 8 North, Range 44 East, M.D.B. & M.** The operation is an underground mine located on 20 acres of privately owned land. Surface components will include: a decline, ore stockpile, waste rock dump, fines/oversize pad, settling ponds, shop building, and a physical separation mill. The shop and mill buildings will remain in support of an industrial post-mining land use.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 519A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests in writing no later than **by 5 PM on February 3, 2003.**

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Dave Simpson at (775) 687-9410 or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, ext. 4670, or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.